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SUBJECT: FAHMI WASHINGTON VISIT - NOTES ON S&T DISCUSSIONS

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1. FOLLOWING NOTES ON WASH. DISCUSSIONS RE S&T COOPERATION
DURING FAHMI VISIT ARE FYI.

2. THE DISCUSSIONS ON S&T COOPERATION TOOK PLACE IN TWO
SESSIONS ON AUG. 13, 1974. THE PRINCIPAL EGYPTIAN
SPOKESMAN WAS DR. ABDAL EL-GUEBEILY, EGYPTIAN ACADEMY OF
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SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. OTHER EGYPTIANS PARTICIPATING AT

VARIOUS TIMES INCLUDED DR. AHMAD AZZAM, DIR. EGYPTIAN CULTURAL MISSION, EGYPTIAN EMB D.C. (DOUBLES AS SCIATT); MR. MOHAMMED EISSA, COUNSELOR, EGYPTIAN EMB; MR. SHILBAYA, FOMIN, CAIRO; MR. OSMAN, MIN OF INDUSTRY. U.S. PARTICIPANTS WERE MR. NELSON SIEVERING, DEP DIR, STATE/SCI (CHAIRMAN); DR. BODO BARTOCHA, DIR. OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS NSF; DR. H. KARL WILLENBROCK, DIR. INSTITUTE FOR APPLIED TECHNOLOGY, NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS; MR. A.E.RICHMOND, DIRECTOR, BILATERAL/MULTILATERAL PROGRAMS, STATE/SCI.

3. THE EGYPTIANS PRESENTED FOR U.S. CONSIDERATION A DOCUMENT TITLED "COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. IN THE FIELD OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY" WHICH OUTLINED FOUR PRIORITY AREAS:

- A) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE & SUPPORT FOR PRESENT
- UNIVERSITY AND RESEARCH CENTER FACILITIES
- (EQUIPMENT REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE, NEW EQUIPMENT)

- B) JOINT RESEARCH PROJECTS (DESALINATION, COTTON
- PEST ERADICATION, BLACK SANDS MINERAL DEVELOPMENT,
- BUILDING MATERIALS, PHOSPHATES, LAKE NASSER WATER
- STUDIES)

- C) ASSISTANCE IN COMPLETION OF RESEARCH CENTERS
- UNDER CONSTRUCTION (STINFO DOCUMENTS, PETROLEUM
- RESEARCH, TEXTILE RESEARCH)

- D) ASSISTANCE TO ESTABLISH NEW RESEARCH CENTERS
- (SOLID STATE PHYSICS, LASERS, ENVIRONMENTAL
- POLLUTION MONITOR)

EGYPTIAN PAPER (BEING POUCHED EMB) ATTACHES A DOLLAR FIGURE FOR US ASSISTANCE OR COOPERATIVE COMPONENT IN EACH AREA TALLING \$30.5 MILLION, FOR EQUIPMENT PURCHASE, REPAIR & MAINTENANCE AND FACILITY CONSTRUCTION, CONSULTING SERVICES, PROGRAM ANALYSIS ETC.

4. THE ONLY EL COMPONENT LISTED WAS \$2 MILLION FOR STINFO DOCUMENT CENTER. USG NOW STUDYING PAPER WITH VIEW CONFIDENTIAL

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TO IDENTIFY AREAS FOR POSSIBLE COOPERATION FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AT WORKING GROUP MEETING. USG WILL IDENTIFY FOR USE AND DISCUSSION AT MEETING POSSIBILITIES FOR U.S. COOPERATION AND ACTION IN EGY IDENTIFIED PRIORITY AREAS. WE ARE ALSO EXAMINING ONGOING ACTIVITIES (E.G. PL-480) TO IDENTIFY PROJECTS ALREADY UNDERWAY OR PLANNED WHICH FIT IN WITH THESE AREAS. (WE FEEL THAT GOE AS SUCH NOT VERY AWARE OF VALUABLE ONGOING EFFORTS CONNECTED WITH THEIR

OWN PRIORITIES, ALTHOUGH AWARENESS EXISTS IN SPECIFIC SECTORS, E.G. AGRICULTURE, HEALTH.)

5. FOLLOWING JOINTLY DEVELOPED AGENDA PROPOSED FOR OCT. JWG S&T MEETING:

- 1. OPENING AND INTRODUCTIONS
 - 2. OBJECTIVES AND ROLE OF THE WORKING GROUP
 - A) FUNCTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES
 - B) PROCEDURAL MECHANISMS
 - 3. COORDINATION WITH OTHER WORKING GROUPS
 - 4. DISCUSSION AND FORMULATION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION IN TECHNOLOGY, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
 - 5. DISCUSSION OF INITIAL SPECIFIC PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR COOPERATION
 - A) FIELDS
 - B) PRIORITIES
 - C) PROGRAM COORDINATION
 - 6. REVIEW OF ONGOING COOPERATIVE S&T PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES
 - 7. IDENTIFICATION OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR 2ND WORKING GROUP MEETING
 - 8. DATE/PLACE FOR 2ND WORKING GROUP MEETING
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- 9. OTHER ITEMS
- 10. CLOSING

6. GOE ALSO REQUESTED AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL BILATERAL AGREEMENT IN S&T COOPERATION. ALTHOUGH NO SPECIFIC PURPOSE OR DESIRED EMPHASIS OR CLAUSES WERE DISCUSSED, IT APPEARS LIKELY FROM CONVERSATIONS IN WASH. AND FROM EARLIER CAIRO CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN RICHMOND(SCI) AND DR. AL-AZZAM, GOE ACADEMY, THAT GOE HOPES TO: (1) MAKE S&T COOPERATION AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY WITH A VIEW TO "CONSISTENT" GROUND RULES AND CLOSER LINKS TO GENERAL USG/GOE COOPERATION IN CONTEXT OF OVERALL GOE PRIORITIES; (2) FACILITATE ACCESS TO FUNDING & SUPPORT;

(3) ESTABLISH MORE CENTRAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROGRAM COORDINATION. GOE, HOWEVER, OFFERED NO DRAFT, OR SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS OR COMMENTS RE AGREEMENT EXCEPT THAT IT SHOULD FACILITATE COOPERATION BETWEEN OR INVOLVING PRIVATE SECTOR (FORD FOUNDATION WAS INFORMALLY MENTIONED) AS WELL AS PUBLIC. WE ARE PREPARING DRAFT FOR GOE CONSIDERATION.

7. USG WILL PROVIDE GOE AND EMB PRIOR TO MEETING:

(1) ANNOTATIONS ON AGENDA DESCRIBING SCOPE UNDER EACH ITEM; (2) DRAFT S&T AGREEMENT; (3) PRELIMINARY REACTION, IF POSSIBLE, TO GOE PRIORITY "WISH LIST".

8. DR. AL-GUEBEILY SAID THAT HE WAS GOE COORDINATOR FOR MTG. AND REQUESTED ALL PAPERS & COMMENTS BE SENT DIRECTLY TO HIM WITH COPIES TO EGYPTIAN EMB. IN WASH. WE PLAN TO DO SO WITH COPIES TO YOU. KISSINGER

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